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### AN AESTHETIC WIDOW

By M. QUAD

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Mrs. Abigail Longbody was a woman living in the town of Farndale. She was a widow. She was almost six feet tall and weighed nearly 200 pounds. The Widow Longbody had a female friend over at Clover Hill, who had become a widow. She saw beauty in the despondent widow. She palpitated when she saw catnip growing. She raised her eyes to heaven over burdock and pigweeds. At the first go off the widow laughed about it, but when seriously informed that it was the thing to do she adopted it.

Deacon Tracy, widower, had been courting the widow and had almost decided to pop the question. He had dropped in and was just clearing his throat to say something that the world has forever lost when she stopped him with:

"Deacon, you look like a fright with those whiskers, and I hope you will have them hoed off before you call again."

"Hoe off these 'ere whiskers?" he exclaimed in amazement. "By gum, but do you know what you're talkin' about?"

"Then for mercy's sake get them dyed! The color grates on me!" "I'd like to see myself feedin' dye to them whiskers! Anything else on your mind?"

"You drag your legs when you walk?" "I do, eh? I remind you of an old knee sprung horse, do I? Waal, I kin drag them legs right outer your house and take my whiskers with 'em!"

Mr. Johnson, who bought butter and eggs and shipped them away to the city, had also an eye on the widow Longbody. She always entertained him very pleasantly when he called, and he had begun to feel the rose of love blooming in his heart. On what proved to be his last call the widow queried of him:

"Mr. Johnson, why don't you wear a wig?"

"A wig?" "Yes, a wig. You always sit with your legs poked out like a pair of posts. A man with such shanks as yours ought to hide 'em!"

"I have been insulted, woman! I'll leave your house!"

"And have your eyebrows thinned out!" was the widow's parting shot. In front of the widow Longbody's home ran a stream they were pleased to call Plug River. A bridge across it had long been needed and talked of, and the county finally voted it.

Every bridge in the country districts has always been painted red, if painted at all. It was red for this bridge. The widow was away for three days, and when she returned the bridge was half painted.

"Stop, stop! It cannot be! It shall not be!" cried the aesthete.

"What's the kick?" asked the man who had the work in charge.

"It screams! It howls! It shrieks!"

It murders harmony and kills the landscape! I could not live here a day with that red thing staring me in the face. Ugh!"

She was told that she would have to endure it or move. Aesthetics was all right when applied to sunflowers and bull thistles, but when it came down to red bridges that was a matter of business.

"Oh, it is, eh?" was answered. "Well, there's another thing that is a matter of business."

Along the western side of the town the widow owned a strip of land which had a hill on it—a hill and a spring. With her free consent the water was piped down from the spring to supply many families and used to sprinkle the streets. When they refused to change the color of the bridge the water refused to flow downhill. The people howled, but they were helpless. After a week it was agreed that the aesthete might name the color. She decided on a pearl gray. After a third of the bridge had been covered she changed it to vivid green. Then she wanted white with green trimmings.

"No more fooling!" was the decision of the taxpayers when they realized that the widow Longbody might finally demand that the bridge be covered with gold leaf.

"Very well," replied the woman as she prepared her second surprise.

Her husband had opened a street for his own convenience and had never decided it to the town. People had bought sites and erected houses. They suddenly found themselves fenced in. When they went to the lawyers the legal talent hunted the matter up and replied:

"If you touch the fence she can have you arrested for trespass."

The town hated to be beaten by a woman and was talking about a big lawsuit when along came a lightning rod man. He was a jim dandy of a man. He was a wooer from Woodville. He talked and he wooed and he won. In a fortnight he had won the widow's heart and hand. When this fact was rumored the bridge committee called on her to ask:

"Well, what about the bridge?"

"Paint it any old color you want to!"

"And that fence across Kirby street?"

"Tell 'em to tear it down!"

"And you—you are no longer aesthete?"

"Not by a darned sight! Jim and I have already settled on corned beef and cabbage for our bridal dinner. Sorry I've had trouble with the town, but I see I was living on water crackers all the time and trying to be the next thing to an angel."

#### Why They Preach.

The distinction between a good preacher and a bad preacher has not changed much since Archbishop Whately declared that "a good preacher preached because he had something to say and a bad preacher because he had to say something."

#### Pure Malice.

"The boys in my neighborhood broke a window last night."

"The playful exuberance of youth, of course."

"Nothing of the sort. It was my window."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### CABOT

Death of Asa Mack Resulted from Disease Acquired in Army.

Asa B. Mack died at his home on Main street June 3, aged 85 years. He was a son of Asa and Sally Atwood Mack. A good share of his life had been spent in Cabot. Although living in several cities, he always called Cabot his home. He was a soldier in the Civil war and during his five months' confinement in Andersonville prison contracted a disease, the result of which was the cause of his death. He was a quiet citizen, a kind neighbor, honest and upright in his dealings with men.

In 1865 he married Miss Cordelia Kenner of this town, who survives him and who with untiring devotion has cared for him with the assistance of her two nieces, Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. O. S. Cheney. During the last two weeks, Miss Reynolds, a trained nurse, was called. Funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday afternoon, Rev. F. E. Currier of Danville officiating. A quartette sang two selections, "The City Four Square" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." His remains were laid to rest in the Durant cemetery at Lower Cabot.

The beautiful flowers that were tokens of sympathy were a pillow with "At Rest," from wife; white carnations and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark; roses, Mrs. O. S. Cheney; pink and white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. George and Mrs. Rydberg; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCloud; white carnations, Miss Grace Cheney; wreath of roses, from other relatives.

Those from out of town were: Gardner Kenner and sister, Laura, of Peacham; Mrs. George Gile, West Danville; Mrs. W. T. Kenner and son, Stanley, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kenner and son, Harley, of Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clarke of Barre; Mrs. O. S. Cheney of Washington.

O. C. Kittredge will commence running a daily stage to Walden depot the first of July, to meet the eastern and western bound trains, for the accommodation of travelers.

Dr. Henry A. Ladd and family of Burlington were guests at A. M. Hodgdon's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Farrar of Hardwick were in town recently.

Mrs. A. B. Pike of Craftsbury visited her sister, Mrs. F. P. Kenner, last week.

Tuesday, June 11, at 9 a. m. the members of the Congregational church and society are invited to aid in renovating the inside of the church and the surrounding grounds. "Many hands make light work."

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith and daughter, Abbie, attended the Knights of Pythias exercises at Hardwick last Sunday. Miss Esther Wells is ill at her home with chickenpox.

Merrill Barrett attended the county Sunday school convention held at Waterbury last week, as a substitute for his father, who was elected as a delegate. He gave a very interesting report of the proceedings at the convention, last Sunday. Rev. I. A. Ranney and Rev. A. B. Atwood also attended the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Farrar of Hardwick were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Laird, last week.

Mrs. Carrie Crowley of Greensboro has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Aura Clara were called to Hardwick last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. B. Mason.

R. S. Currier of Barre was in town Friday, looking over and planning the state road work in the east part of town. He plans to put a gang of workmen on the job June 16th.

Mrs. John Willis returned to her home in Massachusetts last Thursday, after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. May Lane, who is laid up with a broken hip. She is now doing well.

John Warren is doing carpenter work in Woodbury.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith died May 27. Funeral services were held at the house, Rev. I. C. Ranney officiating. Burial was in Cabot cemetery at upper village.

#### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our neighbors for the kindly assistance and sympathy during the illness, death and funeral of our little one.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith and family.

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We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for all the kindness and sympathy shown by them during the illness, death and burial of a husband, and brother; and especially the two nieces, Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. O. S. Cheney, for their services; also to the singers and bearers.

Mrs. Cordelia Mack, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kenner, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kenner, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kenner.

### GAYSVILLE

Miss J. Lavern Hunt of Montpelier spent two days of last week at J. D. Blackmer's.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Smith have returned to their home in Williamstown, after several days spent at the Blackmer home.

Harold Bostwell is on the street again after a severe illness with measles.

Miss Agnes Heape is in Andover, Mass., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of Acuteville were at G. H. Martin's Sunday.

Ned Lyon has finished work at the Electric Light and Power station, and his place is filled by Harry Allen.

The funeral services of Cornelius Cutler of Bethel were held in the Methodist church June 7. Mr. Cutler was 93 years of age and had for many years lived in this vicinity. He leaves behind the aged wife, many near relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Morgan of Littleton, N. H., is a guest at Ira N. Smith's.

There will be a meeting of Good Will grange June 14, and an interesting program has been prepared by the lecturer.

Frank Ketchum of Randolph has been at the home of his son, Walter Ketchum, the past week.

Mrs. Esther Waller and Mrs. William Kellum of Concord, N. H., are stopping for a while at the Waller summer home.

Theodore Miner of New York arrived at the Cobble last Saturday for the summer.

Dr. Martin of Columbus, Neb., and the two sons of Homer Martin of that place called at G. H. Martin's Monday on their way to Middlebury.

Dr. Rollin Blackmer has returned to his home in St. Louis, Mo.

### CHELSEA

Hon. C. H. Bigelow of Brookfield was in town on business last Friday.

Millard F. George went to Boston last week on a business trip.

Miss Mary J. George, who has been visiting friends in Melrose and Boston for the past three weeks, returned home last week.

Frank D. Lathrop, who has been working out of town for the past four months, arrived in town for a few days vacation, Monday.

It is reported that Frank E. Bixby, who has recently been awarded the contract to carry the mill for the next four years between Chelsea and Barre City via Washington, has purchased an auto truck to ply between the two terminals during the "open season" for wheels.

Henry Bunce, who recently sold his farm just over the line on Vershire heights, is moving his household goods into a tenement in William M. Mattoon's house near the courthouse bridge.

A loon, which is a bird rarely seen in this section of the country, was a drawing card for sight seers on Fred E. Goodwin's mill pond Saturday and Sunday, but on Monday morning he had taken his departure, much to the regret of the small boys, whose target for throwing stones he was during his limited stay here.

A special town meeting is called by the selectmen for Saturday afternoon to see if the town will vote to raise an additional tax to defray the expenses of repairing the roads and it behooves every voter to go to this meeting and express his mind and opinion by his vote.

Mrs. C. M. Bickford, who has spent the winter with her son, H. H. Bickford, in Elmira, N. Y., arrived in town the first of the week to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sprague.

The ball game last Saturday afternoon, between the home team and the Barre Italian team, was a source of disappointment to the spectators as it was undoubtedly to the visiting team, as the game resulted in a score of 10 to 2 in favor of the home team, and the two scores that the visitors tallied were not earned, but due wholly to a fumble and a wild throw on the part of the home team.

The Italian Athletic association doubtless expected that they had something easy over here, and very likely did not send over all of their stars. They were an aggregation of courteous lads and took their defeat with a smile.

B. W. Hooker, Mrs. Florence Smith, Miss Joana Smith of Barre and Mrs. Anna Mudgett of Boston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprague, Sunday.

Hon. Warren L. Crafts and State's Attorney Frank S. Williams of Bradford, who are here attending court, remained in town over the Sunday recess.

The bank association is having a piazza built on the east side of the bank block to accommodate the upstairs tenement, which is occupied by Cashier H. N. Mattison. The work is being done by Messrs. C. N. Dearborn and C. A. Bacon.

The regular monthly communication of George Washington lodge, F. & A. M., will be held at their rooms in the post-office block, Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested by the master, and all brethren who are in town temporarily and who are in good standing are invited to be present.

Lewis J. Gray, one of our prosperous farmers on the west hill, is ill with a complication of troubles and is reported to be in a serious condition.

### PLAINFIELD

Raymond Page has recently purchased an automobile.

Theron Perry and son, Ray, were in Waterbury Friday to attend the Sunday school convention.

Walter Bartlett has returned from Long Beach, Cal., where she has been for nearly two years with her brother, Dr. Arthur Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bancroft of Walden visited Mr. and Mrs. John Parks recently.

The members of the graduating class of the high school were in Barre Saturday at Dr. Bickford's for pictures.

Several of the local grangers were in Woodbury Saturday to attend the Pomoona meeting.

Mrs. Henry Kinney and Mrs. E. J. Bartlett visited relatives in Hookerville the first of the week.

The annual memorial service for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be observed at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The members of the lodges will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Murray Cutler is at Heaton hospital, Montpelier, for treatment.

Frank Rice was in Boston last week on business.

Mrs. Frank Rice and son, Elliott, are visiting relatives in Berlin.

Ten of the members of the Barre encampment visited the local lodge Thursday evening. A banquet was served.

Mrs. Carlyle Goodrich visited relatives in Barre and Burlington last week. The graduating exercises of the grammar school will be held Thursday evening at the opera house. Friday evening the singing exercises of the high school will be given at the opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lazelle and Mr. and Mrs. Sprague of Randolph visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin and son and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foss went to Greensboro Sunday. Mrs. Foss will remain during the week.

Miss Edith Bancroft of Montpelier visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bancroft Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cate and daughter, Elsie, of North Montpelier, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Viola Bemis.

Montpelier Band Concert.

Programme of concert to be given by the Montpelier Military band Thursday evening, June 12, at 8 o'clock. March, Pass in Review. . . . . Safranek Overture, Le Pre aux Cieux. . . . . Herold Little Gossip. . . . . Lincke Medley March. . . . . Berlin Duet for saxophone and clarinet. . . . . Tittl Messrs. Nicoll and Perry. . . . . Popular Songs. . . . . H. von Tilzer Waltz, Brise des Nuits. . . . . Lamothe Finale, Bonnie Blues. . . . . Chambers

A Worker Appreciates This. Wm. Morris, a residence of Florence, Oregon, says: "For the last fourteen years my kidneys and bladder incapacitated me for all work. About eight months ago I began using Foley Kidney Pills, and they have done what other medicines failed to do, and now I am doing and feeling fine. I heartily recommend Foley Kidney Pills." Foley Kidney Pills do not contain habit-forming drugs and are tonic in acting, quick in results. They will help any case of kidney trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. C. H. Kendrick—Advt.

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### GROTON

Perley Annis Got Compound Fracture of Right Arm.

Perley Annis, the fourteen-year-old son of the late Moses Annis fell Saturday while hanging a screen door at the home of Herbert Hood, and sustained a compound fracture of his right arm. The fracture which was a bad one, the bone protruding through the flesh, was reduced by Dr. H. L. Tillotson, and the boy made as comfortable as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ricker, and C. H. Hendry were at St. Johnsbury on Saturday.

Mrs. Lena Heath returned yesterday from a ten-days' stay with friends at Lisbon, Littleton and Whitefield, N. H.

Curtis Carpenter has returned from Bortonsville.

H. B. Page, who has been very ill with double pneumonia is slowly improving. Dr. I. N. Eastman is attending him, and a trained nurse from Montpelier is caring for him.

Miss Nellie Heath, who is working at Woodville, N. H., was at her home here over Sunday.

Miss Nancy Glover was home from Bradford over Sunday.

Mrs. C. J. Bailey will entertain the Neidercraft club Thursday afternoon.

Dr. S. N. Eastman, Dr. I. N. Eastman and B. S. Eastman, in the latter's automobile, made a trip to Lisbon, N. H., yesterday.

Rev. R. F. Lowe of St. Johnsbury was in town last evening to attend the quarterly conference of the Methodist church here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Batson of Peacham, were visitors at Jack Jones' and Rufus Hosmer's last week.

Mrs. P. A. Smith and Mrs. R. A. Davidson were at Woodville, N. H., Tuesday.

The ladies aid of the Methodist church will hold a social in the ladies' parlor Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Coffin of Northfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coffin over Sunday.

Bartlett Ricker of Billerica, Mass., arrived here on Sunday morning and will pass the week with relatives.

### EAST BARRE

The East Barre A. C. go to Hardwick Saturday to cross bats with the Hardwick boys.

Dr. Avery is caring for Dr. Hutchinson, of Washington, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis. He reports that the doctor is doing well and will soon be making his usual rounds.

The following entertainment will be given by the pupils of the graded school Thursday evening of this week in opera hall:

Farce, "Fooling Father," grammar grades Solo, "Can't You Change It for a Boy?" . . . . . Lida Dubay Character Song, "Little Puritans" Peace Meal. . . . . Cantata, "Mid-summer Eve." Song, "The Champeen" Baseball Nine. Dialogue, "The Scarecrow." Piano Solo, . . . . . Vera Lathrop Piano Solo . . . . . Arlene Hutchins

### GRANITEVILLE

Regular meeting of Branch No. 12, Q. W. L. U. of N. A., Wednesday evening, June 11. As there is very important business to come before the meeting, every member is requested to be present. Per order secretary, F. J. Finnigan, Graniteville.

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